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THAT'S MY POP!

INTRODUCING-



GAYLORD GINGH-affectionately known as "ROP" He's not REALLY lazy, he's just too light for heavy work-and too heavy for light work! You've got to understand him-and list appeared to the state of the st

to believe his neighbors, who insist that the best things he ever invented were ways to keep from going to work! No, Pop's really a great man, who believes that the world is his oyster—and has been waiting thirty years for someone to come along and open it for him!



GERTRUDE GINCH — Pop's loyal and believing wife! No matter WHAT folks say, she KNOWS Pop is really a great man! She'll defend him at the drop of a hat, but says that he is his own worst enemy....



... To which MOTHER-IN-LAW
APPLEBY, bane of Pop's existence, retorts "Not while I live!"
She'll NEVER understand him.
Maybe ONE of his ideas may
work out, she thinks—but who
can live THAT long?



JUNIOR and Pop are great pals! Junior minds his own business and never gets into fights, except when the other kids start making cracks about his old man—so he's ALWAYS getting into fights!



"DOC" PEARSON, Pop's boon companion! There's no housing shortage in Doc's skull, where there's always a vacancy! He's forever hanging around thinking up great schemes for Pop, who does all the work—but somehow none of these great schemes ever seems to work out!

And so our story opens—in the early, early morning. All night, Pop has been dreaming a great new idea—a vast Luggage Transfer System! If it clicks, he's in the chips! We now bring you GAYLOBG CliCRI as he tiptoes out of bed to start he big new day. He stops for a moment by the antique dresser on which stand pictures of Gertrude and Junior—































































































Gertrude, Junior and Grandma Appleby are all on the way to Mrs. Van Pickestaff's party-at which, unbeknownst to them, Pop and Doc are acting as assistant burlers!

It all started, as you remember, when Doc Pearson phoned Pop Ginch about the

sensational picnic that the club was tossing-at five dollars a head-and Doc said to Pop: "Can you raise that kind of dough, Pop?" And Pop said: "Raise it? I've already got it salted away! Sewed up in the cushion of that old rocker out on

the porch!" Well, at that point, in came Junior-feeling mighty low! All the members of his



didn't have the five bucks! So Pop said to himselft "Bye-bye picnic! Come, son!" Out to the porch they went to dig the five dollars out of the old rockerbut it was gone! Grandma Appleby had sold is to a junk dealer the day before-and from there, it had wound up in the antique collection of Mrs. Van Pickestaff!

So in order to get to the rocker and retrieve.

the five bucks, Pop and Doc got themselves jobs as butlers for the big shindig that Mrs. Van Pickestaff was tossing that evening. They don't really expect to buttle too

much. All they want is to get their hooks on the rocker, and they show up for work after Pop has called Gert to tell her that he'll be tied up on a very big business deal that night.

Gert is disappointed, but Grandma Appleby is delighted with the news that Pop Ginch won't be able to join them at the party. (That's what she thinks-yuk-yuk!) And here are Gertrude. Grandma and Junior-making a very proud entrance to the party at the Van Pickestaff mansion!



















































AND WHAT OF LA WARIPOSA?



You remember how she was planted in the rocker when Pop tried to grab it from under her—and she went bouncing down on the springs, right into the Van Pickestaff ballroom? Well, La Mariposa—which, by the way, means Butterfly in Spanish—kept bouncing, right out of the place!

She bounced in and out of the Zoo, the Opera house and the Public Library, then vaulted into the High School

Baseball Field just as Pop

and Doc were coming out of the stadium after watching Junior sock that terrific home run!

"Well, well, my bouncing beauty!" exclaimed Pop. "Now we can get to the seat of the trouble and probe for my five bucks—which. I trust, is still safely sewed up in the cushion on which you're doing a tour of our city!"

But before La Mariposa could reply, she was off again—gone with the wind and sailing on the springs! But Pop, who in his day had been star outfielder with the Baltimore Bobcats, made a flying grab at the soaring cushion. He connected—there was a rip—and what do you think?

out came not only his five-dollar bill, but three others which had been hidden in the cushion of the old recker years and years ago, by a person opersons unknown! So Pop said: "Well, Doc! Didn't I et all you I had business builtily? Now that I've got the three extra fins, how a about

we invite Gertrude, Junior and even my dear old mother-in-law Appleby to join us at the picnic?"
"Sure!" said Doc heartily. "I think it's me that your mother-in-law really likes, even

though she's always talking about Van Johnson and Frankie Sinatra!"

So here we leave Pop. Junior. Gert. Mother-





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